

November 1938, opened the eyes of some, but then, when gates to a safe haven were rapidly closing, when for the first time in history Jews were denied even the "right" to become refugees, the world remained silent. The only country to recall its ambassador from Berlin was this country—The United States of America.

There is a lesson to be learned—Whenever a potential enemy wants to kill you—Believe him. Do not disregard his warnings. If he says he wants to take away what belongs to you—Believe him. If he claims he will destroy you—Believe him. Do not dismiss him and his threats by saying he cannot be serious—He can!

In 1945, the world was at last liberated from the yoke of the most evil of empires ever to exist in the annals of human history. But for us it was too late. We were not liberated. By then we already had been liquidated.

In 1948, we actually arose from the ashes. Destruction was at last ending. Redemption was at hand. After two thousand years of exile, wandering and struggle the State of Israel was reborn.

We look back with indescribable pain on the terrible tragedy that has left its mark in us forever. Had the State of Israel existed during the 30s, Jews would not have had to become refugees. They could have simply gone home to their ancestral land. They would have not been massacred. They would have had the means to defend themselves.

Yesterday, the general staff of the Israeli army convened in Jerusalem at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. Tough soldiers vowed that the Jewish people will never be submitted to genocide again.

Today, while we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel and commemorating the Holocaust, in the presence of United States senators and representatives, survivors, members of my Embassy and commanders in the Israeli Defense Forces, may I state, that for us, statehood and security are not merely words, for us, they are life itself—and we are determined to defend them.

THE NORTH MIAMI FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICES

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens' Services will recognize the many volunteers who have provided assistance to the area's elderly for nearly a quarter century. This will be their 20th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

In 1997, the volunteers donated 18,601 hours of chore service, 34,615 hours of friendly companionship visits, and 60,186 telephone reassurance calls. In addition, 6,750 hours of special projects were conducted by local organizations and schools. Truly a community partnership, these volunteer hours are equivalent to 42 full-time staff positions.

The overwhelming commitment of the Foundation's volunteers is inspiring and should serve as an example of what is possible when a community truly cares. The character of a community is directly reflected in the efforts of its citizens to assist those who are most in need. In this instance, North Miami, Miami

Shores, Biscayne Park, and Miami-Dade County have demonstrated their mettle.

As these United States celebrate Older Americans Month during May, I tip my hat to the efforts of the North Miami Foundation. Theirs is a noble commitment.

MONMOUTH COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE FIFTH ANNUAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AWARDS DINNER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 30, the Monmouth County Urban League held its Fifth Annual Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner at Gibbs Hall Officers Club at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

This year's Founder's Awards were presented to Dr. Donald Warner, Superintendent of the Red Bank Regional High School, and Mr. Jack Kaye, Vice Chairman of the Shrewsbury State Bank, for their dedicated services over the last five years. The Corporate Award was presented to Monmouth Medical Center and Core States National Bank, in recognition of their strong support for the last five years which has contributed significantly to the Urban League's success. The Community Service Award was presented to The Asbury Park Press for "Crossroads," a weekly column that deals with multi-cultural issues of interest to the people of Monmouth County. Finally, the Youth Award honored three outstanding high school seniors for their achievement and community service: Aaron Rouse of Monmouth Regional High School, Corrine Burton of Long Branch High School, and Laura C. Nieves of Long Branch High School.

Mr. Speaker, the Monmouth County Urban League is a non-profit agency with its headquarters in Red Bank, NJ. It was officially chartered by the National Urban League of July 1995. The Monmouth County Urban League is one of 115 affiliates of the National Urban League, which was founded in 1910 to assist African Americans and other people of color to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency. The mission will be achieved by forming partnerships with other organizations that target the unmet needs and gaps in service with a strategic focus in Health Education and Prevention, Advocacy, Youth, Economic and Community Development along with Community Mobilization.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to all of these fine award recipients, and to cite the accomplishments of the Monmouth County Urban League in the pages of The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO JANET AND HENRY ROSMARIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Janet and Henry Rosmarin for their

bravery, their commitment to the community, and their dedication to ensuring that our memories of the Holocaust will never be forgotten or silenced. Through all of their hardships they have endured not only to survive, but to live such full lives that their example of love and loyalty to themselves and others is a high standard that the rest of us can only hope to achieve.

Henry was Henryk Rosmarin and Janet was Jadzia Jakubowicz when they met in her father's apartment in the little shtetl of Czeladz in Poland. Henryk was there for High Holiday services that were being held in secret by Jadzia's father because they had been banned by the Nazi administration. She laughed two years later when he proposed that "When this is all over we should find each other and we should get married and make a life together." Just a few weeks after his marriage proposal they were forcibly deported from their homes.

Janet spent years in Auschwitz and Birkenau while Henry was sent to Gross-Rosen and Buchenwald. Henry survived by using his harmonica and his voice to entertain his captors in return for his life. Both of them lost most of their families, but true to his word Henry returned to Czeladz where he searched for months before finding Janet.

That is where a fairy tale would end, but to sum up the following two years of searching and resettlement, and the fifty years thereafter, in a phrase like, "They lived happily ever after," would understate both the Rosmarins and the realities of our times. There have been good times, homes and children, but also a struggle that has followed them though their lives together. Their lives have been tightly bound with the life and history of the Jewish people.

In Southern California they founded a synagogue with Temple Ner Maarav and a life's purpose with the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Project. Henry contributes to the Temple Choir with the musical talents that allowed him to survive the concentration camps, and uses his music to speak for those who did not. Similarly, for the Shoah foundation, he serves as a goodwill ambassador, speaking on its behalf and reviewing Visual History contributions, especially those recorded in Polish.

Simon Wiesenthal said that, "survival is a privilege which entails obligations. I am forever asking myself what I can do for those who have not survived. The answer that I have found for myself is: I want to be their mouthpiece, I want to keep their memory alive, to make sure the dead live on in that memory." The Rosmarins have formed a new community to replace the one that they lost so many years ago in Poland. They have not allowed their suffering to prevent them from living life and loving God. Their efforts to preserve the testimonies of Holocaust survivors are a service to all of us who can listen so that we may never forget our part, or those who can no longer tell us of their sufferings.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Janet and Henry Rosmarin. They are an example of strength, love, and devotion to us all.